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in our own persons, we can but feel that God is all and in all

Every sound we hear is the result of a cause put in operation and kept in operation, and endowed with the power of producing a certain effect, and no other, by an ever present and all-controlling God. The air undulates no more nor less than He would have it; the tympanum vibrates not otherwise than as He wills: the nerve in its mithan as He wills; the nerve in its mi-nutest quiver, moves only as He moves it; the brain is impressed not otherwise than as He impresses it; the thought and feeling which result are none other than such as He produces; in other words, our hearing is the result of divine action, every sound is heard only as the result of a divine contrivance that we shall hear; and consequently in each act of hearing we are operated upon by that divine power. The power and the pres-ence of God being thus inseparable from each act of hearing, poetry, philosophy and religion, each suggest that every sound we hear is, in a certain sense at least, the voice of God.

God is our father and our friend, our creator, preserver, benefactor and savior. Whom have we in heaven but him—what is there upon earth that we should desire besides Him? He is the author of life and the fountain of all fullnes, the God of all comfort, the source of all joy. He is not an abstraction nor an impersonal principle, but a living being, a person with thoughts and feelings just like ours, except that they are infinite in purity and power; He is the God whose fore-sight and ever active benevolence supply our wants; He is the God and father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Oh, how supremely lovely, how infinitely ex-

cellent!
We are in constant communication with We are in constant communication with Him. In every waking moment we hear His voice. The zephyr that dallies with the foliage is His whisper; the blast of the hurricane is His louder voice; the thander is His speech; the brook mur-murs only as He would have it; the noise of the mountain torrent is only His ut-terance the air; and the sea would lie for-ever in the stillness of death if not put in commotion by the ever present God, and the roar of the ocean, is, therefore, but one of His tokens; the twittering of the one of His tokens; the twittering of the avallow is only another of His manifestations; the sparrow learn sits single song from Him and performs its little air only as His instrument; the mocking bird, with its grotesque and original combinations, defing the rules of art, is only a medium of communicating divine music; the lowing of the kine, the hum of the bec on its incred flight, and all the myriad voices of animated nature are myriad voices of animated nature are but the outspeakings of Him who made and keeps His creatures animate; the tinkling of the louely bell in the ferest reminds us that we are not alone, for God is there without Him we should be deaf and nature dumb; in the solemn tones from the steeple that summon us to the gates of Zion, it is God who calls us there; the deep music of the organ is His; it is His voice that we hear in the

try, are vecal deliverances of natural causes, of which causes the first is God. The earth lies haptized in the air, and

the earth lies baptized in the air, and the air is filled with sounds from pole to pole, and every sound is an enunciation of the presence of God.

That most precious and lovely Being, while still the most adorable and glorious, is thus in perpetual audible communica-tion with His people. O. Thou whom my soul loveth, is it possible that every sound I hear is from Thee! Thy voice is sweet even when it speaks in thunder, for it is the voice of my beloved. If I stand upon some storm-worn crag and witness the furious tempest, and the terrific bursts that make the very moun-tains tremble, I still rejoice, for if they tremble it is only at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth, and the convulsing elements are but uttering the voice of my beloved. I stand on ocean side and love to say, "O Lord, Thou art my beloved!" when

in its roar I hear the voice of my beloved.

If, in some lonely glen I lay me down on mossy bank, and I am soothed to sleep by the under-tones of nature, I am happy with my departing consciousness that the voice of my beloved is the lullaby that brings my repose. When I awake, I awake with joy, because it is the voice of my beloved that has ended my slum-

ber. As I walk the lawn or the wood and hear the sighing of the gale, or the wild music of the winged orchestra, my heart bounds with gladness, for in all these I hear the voice of my beloved. The euphonies of nature, if sweet in themselves, are sweeter still when we remember that these are but the forms in which God addresses us. The gentle tones of the dear ones at home, full of sympathy and love, and the ringing His mind now began to fail and wan-langh of my little ones are delightful to hear, but all the more so, when I remem-command upon the field, giving orders ber that their voices are but the voice of in his old way; then the scene shifted, and my beloved, and that He whom my soul he was at the mess table in conversation loveth, and who is my chief joy, speaks

to me through them.

It is perpetual pain to be absent from those we tove. A message, even if it be so long coming, brings sweet alleviation of chronic grief; but to hear the voice brings rapture. Our God is not a God afar off; He is very nigh; He is in speaking distance; He speaks to us in every sound we hear—the low breath of a sleeping babe is His whisper ef love. The blast of winter, if it tells us of the sufferings of the homeless, tells us, also, of the distinguishing goodness that pro-vides us with shelter and fire. If we be exposed to its fury we still hear, in its wild shriek or hollow moan, the voice of Him who is our beloved, and who will be sure to make all things work together for good to them that love Him. The sounds that terrify others, but remind us that we are in the bands of God, the very we are in the hands of God, the very being whom of all others we cherish and love and adore, in whom we know we can confide, and who we know loves us as to the God who gave it. much more than we love Him, as His infinite capacity for loving is greater than ours. Thus hearing Him in all that we hear, every sound becomes melodious and the harshest jarring of discords is softened and turned into harmony. Ever thus while awake, we can hold converse with God: and it is sweet to remember. that He who made the ear, Himself can hear, and that the voice of prayer and praise is far more delightful to Him than His many-toned voices are to us; that observe many of Histokens, He, in His omniscience, never loses the slightest accent of ours; that if, in every sound we hear, our hearts exclaim. "The voice of my beloved," He, too, when he hears of my beloved. He, too, when he hears
the low voice in the closet, or the joyous
exultations of the sanctuary, says, with
condescending benignity. "The voice of
my beloved," and that He says of each
one of His saints, as every saint says of
Him, "my beloved is mine and I am
His."—Cant. ii: 16—Christian Index.

LAST HOURS OF STONEWALL JACKSON.

Narrative by His Medical Attendant. Dr. Hunter McGuire has furnished the Richmond Medical Journal with a detailed account of the last hours of Stone wall Jackson. It is especially interest-ing as the writer was Jackson's medical

He says that after the fats! wound was received, and Jackson was being supported from the field, he pushed aside the men who were holding him up, stretched himself to his full hight, and stretched himself to his full hight, and cried feebly, yet distinctly enough to be heard above the din of battle, "Gen. Pender, you must hold on to the field; you must hold out to the last." This was his final order upon the field. He was then placed upon a litter and taken to the Wilderness Tavern, which was used as a bosnits! as a hospital.
Chloroform was then administered,

and as he began to feel its effects, and its relief to the pain he was suffering, he exclaimed, "What an infinite blessing," and continued to repeat the word "blessing" until he became insensible. The round ball (such as is used for a smoothbore Springfield musket) which had lodged under the skin upon the back of his right hand, was extracted first. It had entered the palm, about the middle of the hand, and fractured two of the bones. The left arm was then amputa-ted, about two inches below the shoulder, ted, about two inches below the shoulder, very rapidly, and with slight loss of blood, the ordinary circular operation having been made. There were two wounds in this arm, the first and most serious was about three inches below the shoulder joint, the half dividing the main artery and fracturing the bone. The second was several inches in length, a ball having entered the outside of the forearm, an inch below the elbow, came out upon the opposite side, just above the out upon the opposite side, just above the

Throughout the whole of the operation, Throughout the whole of the operation, and until all dressings were applied, he continued insensible. Two or three slight wounds of the skin of his face received from the branches of trees when his horse dashed through the woods, were dressed simply with isinglass plaster. During that day and the two or three next following, he seemed to be doing well, but on Thursday a change occurred, and pleuro-pneumonia of the right side followed. His wife and child were sent for, but he began to sink. On Saturday he was still worse. We quote the closing description verbatim:

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When his child was brought to him he played with it for some time, frequently caressing it and calling it his "little comforter." At one time he raised his wounded hand above its head, and, closing WM. C. ELLIS' CARRIAGESHOP, CORner Second and Gayore ats. api3-im
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inveriableness of His laws; the ringing of the anvil, and of the artizan's hammer ready to go. About daylight on Sunday morning, Mrs. Jackson informed him ready to go. Aboutdaylight on Sunday morning, Mrs. Jackson informed him that his condition was very doubtful, and that it was better that he should be prepared for the worst. He was silent for a moment, and then said. "It will be infinite gain to be translated to heaven." He advised his wife, in the event of his

He advised his wife, in the event of his death, to return to her father's house, and added, "You have a kind and good father, but there is no one so kind and good as your Heavenly Father."

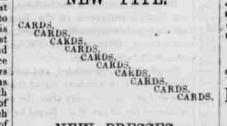
He still expressed a hope of his recovery, but requested her if he should die, to have him buried in Lexington, in the Valley of Virginia. His exhaustion increased so rapidly that at 11 tion increased so rapidly that at 11 o'clock Mrs. Jackson knelt by his bed and told him that ere the sun went down he would be with his Savior. He replied, "Oh, no; you are frightened, my child; death is not so near. I may yet get well." She fell over upon the bed, weeping bitterly, and told him again that the physicians said there was no hope. After a moment's pause he hope. After a moment's pause he asked her to call me. "Doctor, Anna informed me that you have told her that I am to die to-day; is it so?" When he was answered, he turned his eyes to-ward the ceiling, and gazed for a moment or two as if in intense thought, then replied, "Very good; very good; it is all right." He then tried to comfort his almost heart-broken wife, and told her he had a good deal to say to her, but he was too weak. Colonel Pendleton came into the room about one o'clock, and he asked him "who was preaching at head-quarters to-day?" When told that the whole army was praying for him, he replied. "Thank God—they are very kind." He said, "it is the Lord's day; my wish is fulfilled. I have always de-sired to die ou Sunday."

with members of his staff; now with his wife and chied; now at prayer with his military family. Occasional intervals of return of his mind would appear, and during one of them I offered him some brandy and water, but he declined it, saying, "It will only delay my departure, and do no good; I want to preserve my mind, if possible, to the last." About half-past one he was told that he had but two hours to live, and he answered again, two hours to live, and he answered again, feebly but firmly, "Very good, it is all right." A few moments before he cried out, in his delirium, "Order A. P. Hill to prepare for action! pass the infantry to the front rapidly! tell Major Hawks"—then stopped, leaving the sentence unfinished. Presently a smile of ineffable sweetness spread itself over his pale face, and he said quietly, and with an expresand he said quietly, and with an expres-sion as if of relief, "Let us cross over the

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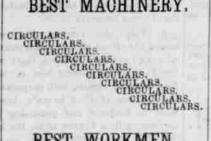
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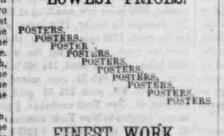
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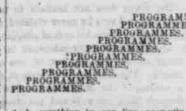
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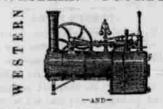
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